



# Collie Rescue Network

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## Collie Rescue Network News!

*Making a difference, one life at a time.*

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## Furever Families Needed

Visit [www.collierescuenetwork.com](http://www.collierescuenetwork.com) for more information on how to become a Furever Family!



### Autumn (SK)

Female

18 months

Good with dogs and cats and older children.

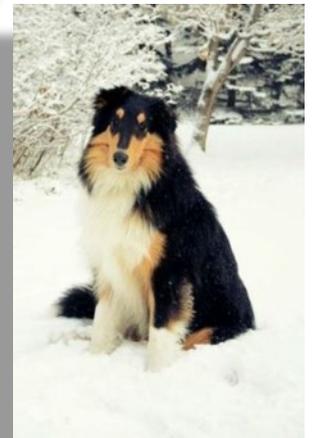
### Bear (SK)

Male

2+ years

Good with dogs and cats and older children.

Needs a rural home.



"OMG! Timmy is ITW!"



### Coby

Female

9-10 years

Good with cats and kids. No other dogs please.

# Arthritis (Degenerative Joint Disease, Osteoarthritis)

*Veterinary & Aquatic Services Department, Drs. Foster & Smith*



Depending upon whom you talk to, the terms 'arthritis', 'osteoarthritis' and 'degenerative joint disease' may or may not be used to describe the same thing. In this discussion, we will use the terms interchangeably.

## What is degenerative joint disease (DJD)?

Degenerative joint disease is characterized by the loss of the smooth cartilage that covers and protects the end of the bones in a movable (synovial) joint. The cartilage has no nerves so when it touches the cartilage of another bone, there is no pain. When the cartilage wears away, the bone is exposed. The bone does have nerves so when the two bone ends in a joint touch each other it results in pain and inflammation - signals that arthritis is present. In degenerative joint disease we also see small bony projections (osteophytes) form on the bone that is close to the joint. This adds to the pain. This type of arthritis is progressive, meaning it continues to get worse.

## What causes degenerative joint disease?

Degenerative joint disease can occur as a result of wear and tear on an otherwise normal joint and occurs as the dog ages. This is called primary degenerative joint disease. Osteoarthritis may also occur as a result of another condition affecting the joint such as hip dysplasia or elbow dysplasia. Then it is called secondary degenerative joint disease.

## Which dogs are at risk of developing degenerative joint disease?

Certainly any dog with a congenital joint problem, like dysplasia or patella luxation is going to be more prone to developing degenerative joint disease. Dogs who have had injury to a joint such as a fracture involving the joint, or a ruptured anterior cruciate ligament in the knee will be more likely to develop arthritis.

## What are the symptoms of degenerative joint disease?

The symptoms of arthritis will vary as to which joints are involved, the age of the dog, and the severity of the disease. In general, the first symptoms may be an altered gait since the dog will try to put more of his weight on the unaffected limbs. There may be muscle atrophy (reduction in the size of the muscle) in the affected limb because the dog is using it less, or at least putting less weight on it. For instance, in a dog with hip dysplasia involving both hind limbs, the muscles of the hind limbs may be thin, whereas, the muscles of the chest

and shoulders may be increased in size because the dog is putting more weight on the front legs.

Many times the dog may find it difficult to get up after lying down and appears stiff. The dog may be unable to jump up into the car. Many dogs with DJD find it difficult to go up or down stairs.

Depending upon the amount of pain the dog is experiencing, there may be changes in appetite and behavior (e.g., the dog may go off by himself more often). The joints are generally not swollen and the pain is the dull aching type, so dogs do not often vocalize or cry out in pain. Some dogs will lick or bite at the area that is painful. Some will seek out warmth or soft places to sleep.

## How is degenerative joint disease diagnosed?

The veterinarian will obtain a good history of the dog's signs from the owner and perform a complete physical exam. Radiographs (x-rays) are taken, and further laboratory tests or more detailed exams of the affected joint(s) may be performed.

## How is degenerative joint disease treated?

Degenerative joint disease can be treated medically and surgically.

Some forms of degenerative joint disease can be treated with surgery. For example, hip replacements in dogs with hip dysplasia are becoming more common. Other procedures can also be performed but their success rests upon how many bony changes have occurred in and around the joint. Please see the article on the specific joint disease for extended discussion on the surgical treatment options for that disease.

For an extensive discussion on the medical management of arthritis in dogs, please see Causes and Management of Arthritis and Other Joint Diseases in Dogs.

## What is the prognosis for dogs with degenerative joint disease?

Degenerative joint disease is progressive - it will continue to worsen. There are ways we can medically treat the disease to slow down the progression and many dogs respond well and can live comfortably for years. In more severe cases, surgery may be performed including actual joint replacements. In these cases, the recovery is usually very good.





# Puppy Love Raffle

In mid-December a young Collie named Echo came to rescue. Her spay surgery was set for January 6th and then....we discovered that Echo had smuggled a whole lot of puppies into rescue inside her tummy! Echo was found to be pregnant and on January 23rd she gave birth to eight fat, healthy Collie mix puppies! Our 2015 Puppy Love Raffle is being held to help raise the much needed funds to help off-set some of the costs involved with having eight happy, socialized puppies in rescue! Lots of extra food, pee pads, roll after roll of paper towels, puppy appropriate toys to help keep them busy and interacting, vet appointments for puppy shots at least twice prior to adoption, check-ups, deworming and much, much more!



**1st Prize: \$300.00**

**2nd Prize: \$200.00**

**3rd Prize: \$100.00**



**Draw will take place on March 31st, 2015**

**Winners will be notified by email or phone on or before April 2nd, 2015**

**A total of only 2000 tickets have been printed! Great odds!!**

**Tickets are on sale now! Buy today and Help Us to Help Them!**

**Buy your tickets today at  
[www.collierescuenetwork.com](http://www.collierescuenetwork.com)**

**Ticket Prices:**

**\$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00**





## *In Memory of Darlene Kerr*

*May 21, 1949 - November 16, 2014*

The celebration at the Rainbow Bridge November 16th, 2014 must have been almost deafening! How excited the many beloved Collies of Darlene Kerr must have been when they saw her approaching. Here though, we mourn her passing and wish to send condolences to her many friends and family members. Some of you know Darlene from the CRN Facebook group where she was always willing to share her extensive knowledge about Collies and her expertise in the health issues and genetics particular to the Collie breed. Some of you share your homes with a Kerrhaven Collie, Darlene's line of beautiful Rough and Smooth Collies or perhaps you know her from her days in the show ring or her time with the Collie Club of Canada. Darlene has always supported Collie Rescue Network in every way possible; right from day one she was one of our biggest champions because she so loved the breed. Collies were the very centre of Darlene's heart and her willingness to share in everything Collie and the vast network of friends she has around the world is a testament to what a wonderful friend she was to so many. Her kindness, her generous spirit and her love of the Collie breed will be forever treasured. Heartfelt condolences to friends and family of Darlene Kerr.



# The Warman Pet Expo

March 28, 2015

10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**The Brian King Centre  
202 8th Ave N,  
Warman, Saskatchewan  
S0K 4S0**

Join Collie Rescue Network at the Warman Pet Expo on March 29th, 2015 from 10am to 4:30 pm. You'll find something for everyone - pet products, health and nutritional information, kennels and doggie daycare, animal rescues, pet fashion accessories, groomers, pet photographers, toys and more!

There will be stage demonstrations including dog obedience training, reptiles, door prizes and even a 50/50 raffle.

Admission: \$3.00 per person at the doors (\$1.00 if you bring a non-perishable item for a dog rescue e.g. blankets, cans of food, leash, toys, bowls, etc.)



Find us on:  
**facebook®**

Come join Collie Rescue Network on Facebook! The CRN community on Facebook is a friendly place where you can share photos and stories, ask questions and get tips for everything from medical issues to training tricks. You find Collies for adoption, Collies from all over the world and more! It's a great place to keep up with what's new and exciting at CRN while spending time with fellow Collie lovers! Join us today and let's chat!

## How To Adopt From Collie Rescue Network

### Step One: The Adoption Application

The first step is filling out the Adoption Application. The application allows CRN to determine what you are looking for in a Collie in order to best match your family and home with the dog that is right for you. Some Collies are fine with hardwood flooring while some are terrified of any slippery surface. Some Collies make wonderful jogging buddies while some spend the entire day as a couch potato. Some families don't mind a "counter surfer" Collie while others prefer a Collie with impeccable obedience skills already in place. The application gives us a better idea of what type of Collie would best fit into your home.

### Step Two: Meeting the Collie

The second step in the adoption process is for you, along with your entire family, to meet the Collie in person. This meeting gives you a better idea of that Collie's personality and allows you to better decide if this particular Collie would be a good fit for your family. We would like for everyone living in the home to be present at this meeting. CRN does, however, understand that we are a very "spread out" rescue in that our foster homes cover enormous areas. If the Collie that best fits your family is a distance that makes driving to meet the Collie impractical, we will work together to ensure that both your family and CRN are comfortable that this is truly the right dog for you.

### Step Three: The Home Visit

The home visit is a very important part of the adoption process and NO adoption will take place without this very important step being completed. A home visit is when a rescue volunteer comes to your home and visits with all your family members present. We are not there to judge your home, your family or your lifestyle. The reason for the home visit is to get to know your family a little better in our quest to make the best match possible for our sake, but also for yours! This step in the process is also a great opportunity to ask the home visitor questions about rescue, rescue dogs and to get tips and thoughts on how to help a new dogs settle into their new home.

### Step Four: The Adoption Contract and the Adoption Donation

The last step of the process includes reading, the signing, the adoption contract. The contract is signed by both the adopters and by a CRN representative. The purpose of the contract is to outline and set into agreement what is expected of the adoptive family in regards to future care of their new Collie. It also states that if at any time during the lifetime of the Collie, for any reason whatsoever, you can no longer care for your adopted Collie, that Collie must come back to Collie Rescue Network. This last step is also when the adoption donation is paid. We request a minimum donation of \$350.00 to help off-set the costs incurred by the Collie while in the care of CRN. Please note that this almost never covers the cost of micro-chipping, spaying/neutering, vet exams, vaccinations, medications, grooming and any of the myriad of other things a rescue Collie requires before being considered adoptable. Currently the average cost incurred by a Collie in the care of CRN is approximately \$600.00

## Calling All Collies!

### It's time to send in your photos for the 2016 Collie calendar!

If you'd like to see your Collie in the 2016 Collie calendar, submit your photos before March 21st, to [rescue@collierescuenetwork.com](mailto:rescue@collierescuenetwork.com).

Looking for photos of Collies (this is a Collie calendar so although we love lots of breeds, for the calendar we're looking for photos of just Collies).

Please, no people in the photos. We know you are all lovely but we're just looking for Collie photos.

Photos of Collies in all seasons needed! Check back through some of your old files from last spring and summer too!

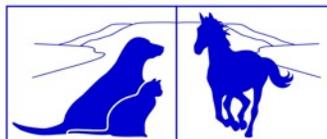
Outdoor shots preferred but indoor photos will be considered (please, uncluttered backgrounds in the photos).

### Our Thanks To:

*CRN sends Collie Tail Wags of Appreciation to the following groups for their help and support with the rescue Collies!*



BLUE MOUNTAIN VETERINARY SERVICES



# ***Happy Tails***

***Adopted in January & February 2015***



**WILLIAM**

Jan 18, 2014

**BEAR**

Jan 18, 2014

**RHETT**

Jan 21, 2014

**LIAM**

Jan 24, 2014

**ANNIE**

Jan 29, 2014



**CODY**

Feb 8, 2014

**VISA**

Feb 14, 2015

**SAM**

Feb 16, 2015

**WILLOW**

Feb 16, 2015



**ANGUS**

Feb 18, 2014

**BRIMLEY**

Feb 21, 2014

**BELLA**

Feb 25, 2014

*Wishing all our new adoptees a happy, healthy furever life with their new families! Happy Collie Tail Wags to all!*



At NO cost to you, you could be raising funds for Collie Rescue Network every single time you walk your dog! Download the ResQwalk app today and help raise funds for the Collies in rescue with Collie Rescue Network! By doing something you do every day anyway, and at no cost to yourself, you can help pay vetting bills and buy food for rescue Collies every time you walk your dog! Try it today and help us, help them!

**ResQwalk**

## **Furever Homes Needed!**

Visit [www.collierescuenetwork.com](http://www.collierescuenetwork.com) to find out how to become a Furever Family!

In mid-December a young Rough Collie named Echo came to rescue. Two days before her spay we discovered that Echo was pregnant, and on January 23rd she gave birth to eight fat, healthy Collie mix puppies. The pups will all be ready to find their Furever Families any time after April 3, 2015. If you think you are that special place for one of these cutie-pies visit [www.collierescuenetwork.com](http://www.collierescuenetwork.com) to find out how to adopt or to sponsor a puppy today!



## Over-The-Counter (OTC) Medications

There are several OTC medications that are generally accepted to be safe to give your pet at home. We advise always consulting your vet first, especially if you give your pet other daily medications or herbal supplements in case of interactions. As with any illness in your pet, symptoms that are persistent means it's time to take your pet to the vet's office. NEVER assume all human OTC medications are okay to give to your pet. Dogs, and cats in particular, metabolize medications very differently from humans and some OTC medications can kill your pet. Below is a list of OTC medications that are accepted as safe to use for your pet. Please pay attention to dosage amounts and notes.

**DO NOT GIVE Acetaminophen (Tylenol) or Ibuprofen (Advil) to either cats or dogs as they are both toxic, sometimes even in small doses.**

Product	Dogs	Cats
<b>IMODIUM</b> (loperamide): Can be given to SOME dogs but note that some breeds, including Collies and Shelties among others, may have adverse reactions to Imodium due to the MDR1 gene mutation. If you do not know the MDR1 status of your dog, DO NOT give Imodium.	1 tsp. For every 20 lbs Repeat every 4-6 hrs., do NOT exceed 24 hrs	NOT RECOMMENDED
<b>GRAVOL/DRAMAMINE</b> (Dimenhydrinate): This drug works to help prevent motion sickness in both cats and dogs and works best if given 30 - 45 minutes prior to travel.	Small: 12.5 mg Medium: 25 mg Large: 50 mg	12.5 mg
<b>ROBITUSSIN DM</b> (dextromethorphan): This cough medicine works for just that - coughing or hacking associated with things like minor bouts of kennel cough. Note that coughing can be a sign of more serious medical conditions (like heart failure) so consult a vet for coughing.	1 tsp. For every 20 lbs. Repeat every 8 - 12 hours as needed.	NOT RECOMMENDED.
<b>PEPTO-BISMOL</b> : Used to relieve upset stomach or excessive gas in dogs only (never cats!).	1 tsp. For every 20 lbs. Repeat every 4-6 hrs, do not exceed 24 hrs.	DO NOT USE
<b>BENADRYL</b> (diphenhydramine): An antihistamine that helps relieve itching and swelling associated with allergic reactions. Benadryl is safe for cats but not overly effective and your vet will have better antihistamines for your cat available.	1 mg per lbs body weight. EG: 25 lbs = 25 mg	Not effective, call your vet for alternatives.
<b>PEPCID-AC</b> (famotidine): Used to help prevent ulcers in dogs and cats taking other medications and used to help reduce stomach acid in dogs/cats that already have ulcers. Whether this medication is given once or twice daily should be decided with your vet's input.	< 20 lbs = ¼ pill 20-60 lbs = ½ pill > 60 lbs = 1 pill	¼ pill for all weights
<b>HYDROGEN PEROXIDE (3%)</b> : Used to induce vomiting after accidental ingestion of poisons. ASK YOUR VET before giving this OTC as some poisons will cause more damage on the way back up! Animal Poison Control Centre: 1-888-426-4435 (fee applies).	10 ml. By mouth. Wait 15 min. And if not vomiting, repeat. DO NOT exceed 3 times)	10 ml. By mouth. Wait 15 min. And if not vomiting, repeat. DO NOT exceed 3 times
<b>GLUCOSAMINE</b> : Used to treat stiffness and joint pain associated with early stages of arthritis. Note that you will need to administer this medication for several weeks to first see the benefits.	< 25 lbs = 500 mg 25-50 lbs = 1000 mg > 50 lbs = 1500 mg	500 mg

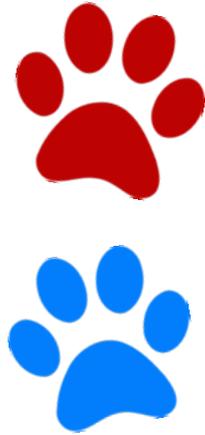
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**Echo (AB)**

**10 months**



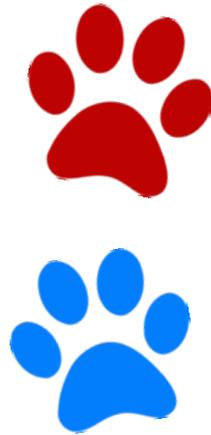
**LuLu (ON)**

**7 years**



**Bella (SK)**

**4 years**



**Stormy(ON)**

**1 year**



**Robbie (SK)**

**3 years**



**Misty**

**4 years**

# Helping Lost Pets

[www.helpinglostpets.com](http://www.helpinglostpets.com)



We often hear about adopted pets going missing and the reasons are usually preventable if you take precautions. For dogs, the very obvious one is to not let them off leash, not even in an off leash dog park, until you are confident your dog will not run away and that you have an excellent recall. But no matter how cautious you are, it can happen and even experienced dog and cat rescuers and people very experienced in handling pets are not immune. Something as simple as a loose collar, an unexpected loud noise or a guest in your home leaving the door unlocked and a sudden burst of wind blowing it open.

Newly adopted pets or a pet you are sitting are a high risk to run. It's not because they don't like you, it's because they do not know you and may bolt to find their family or foster family.

There are many precautions you should take and the top three that we recommend are to first have your pet micro-chipped. This is so very important. The second is to keep tags on your pet with your contact information. And our third tip is to register your pet on HelpingLostpets.com (HeLP) as 'Safe'. If they do go missing, you can alert HeLP members in the area with just a few clicks. Having one website where every lost and found pet is listed means wherever you are, you know where to turn.

We have even made up an adoption card for shelters and rescues that they can include with each adoption kit.

The HeLP Adoption card:

<http://www.helpinglostpets.com/downloads/help-adoption-card-one.jpg>

We have more tips to keep you pet Safe and you can find them below. For more tips to keep your pet safe, please visit:

<http://www.helpinglostpets.com/keep-your-new-cat-safe.aspx>

<http://www.helpinglostpets.com/keep-your-new-dog-safe.aspx>

## About HelpingLostPets.com (HeLP)

HeLP is a National Pet Registry that is FREE for all to use. A central database where every lost and found pet is listed will make a difference. Join today and you can get set up to receive alerts in your area.

### FOSTER HOMES NEEDED!

Every time I hear someone say, "I could never foster! It would be too hard to let them go so I don't foster", I cringe and wonder how much harder it is for the poor dog sitting in the shelter waiting for a foster home to open up, or worse, for the dogs euthanized every single day for lack of space in both the shelter system and the rescues out there. Letting your foster dog leave is heartbreaking, every single time AND it is so very rewarding and fills your heart with joy. You have not only changed that dog's life (really and truly!) but you're also about to change the life of the next dog who needs a safe place to wait for his Furever Family. If you'd like to change a dog's life and make a difference, contact us today at [foster@collierescuenetwork.com](mailto:foster@collierescuenetwork.com).

The hole in  
a Foster's Heart  
is the same shape  
as their gift to you



**COLLIE RESCUE NETWORK FIND-A-WORD**

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ADOPTION

BLUE

COLLIE

DOG

EXPRESSION

FAMILY

FUREVER

GENTLE

GROOMING

HAPPY

HERDING

LASSIE

LADDIE

LOVE

LOYAL

MERLE

LOYAL

RESCUE

ROUGH

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TERHUNE

TRICOLOUR

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SCOTLAND

SHEEP

SMART

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